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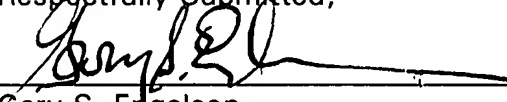
Transmitted herewith are the following documents:

- [X] Petition to Make Special and Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §1.102(c)
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If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (617)720-3500, Boston, Massachusetts.

A check in the amount of \$130.00 is enclosed to cover the petition fee. If the fee is insufficient, the balance may be charged to the account of the undersigned, Deposit Account No. 23/2825. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL AND STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.102(c) AND
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Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner of Patents to make the above-captioned U.S. patent application special on the grounds that the invention contributes to countering terrorism.

One of the major problems facing government agencies who seek to increase their reliance on computerized data and information infrastructures, and computerized data processing, including the agencies and departments responsible for homeland security, is the difficulty in securing those systems against unanticipated cyberterror attack. Such an attack, launched against "911" computers and other critical police and fire information systems clearly constitute "activities that – (A) involve violent acts or acts dangerous to human life that are a violation of the criminal laws of the United States or of any State, or that would be a criminal violation if committed within the jurisdiction of the United States or of any State."

The present application is directed to technology that solves this very urgent and important problem. This technology, when deployed in critical systems, adaptively protects

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those systems from cyberterror threats, including threats not yet specifically identified and whose parameters have not yet been defined.

The present invention, when deployed in the critical systems of agencies and sub-agencies charged with responsibility for taking actions to prevent, reduce the effects of and contain international terrorism, therefore contributes to countering terrorism by protecting those critical systems, so as to prevent possible loss of life or property during a response to a violent act.

Granting of this petition and expedited examination of the present application is hereby requested. If it is believed for any reason that this petition cannot be granted, or if any questions arise, the office is requested to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

The fee due under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(h) is enclosed. If the fee is insufficient, the balance may be charged to the account of the undersigned, Deposit Account No. 23/2825. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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